

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: (U.S. National Phase of PCT/GB00/00337)
Title: PROTECTION OF DIELECTRIC CABLES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following:

--This application is a national phase application of copending PCT application Serial No. PCT/GB00/00337, filed February 4, 2000, and having a priority date of February 5, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-4 as follows:

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, in which the mandrel and sleeve are located immediately adjacent to the power line support structure.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of:
supporting the dielectric cable from the power line support structure with a suspension member, a first end thereof being affixed to the power line support structure, and a second thereof being affixed round the surface of the dielectric cable.

Please cancel claims 6 - 16 without prejudice or disclaimer.